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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- ☒ which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;  
(also check the following items, if desired)
- ☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and
- ☐ In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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- (d) ☐ no such applications have been filed
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